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**LETTER CALLING ATTENTION TO  
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Sir:

Applicants submit this letter to call attention to and correct a typographical error in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 1, 2006.

The Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form submitted therewith should have listed reference EP-1 199 178-A as a cited document (a copy of EP-1 199 178-A was submitted with this paper). However, owing to an inadvertent typographical error, the reference number listed on the form was given as "EP-1 199 788-A"<sup>1</sup>.

Applicants therefore submit herewith a new Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form with the correct reference number, EP-1 199 178-A, and it is requested an initialed copy of that form be returned to the undersigned to confirm this reference was considered. It is believed the Examiner already has considered this reference, since a copy of

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<sup>1</sup> Reference EP 1 199 788, entitled "Inductive DC-to-DC Switching Converter", clearly is not relevant to the subject matter of the present invention.

EP-1 199 178-A was submitted with the May 1 Information Disclosure Statement, meaning this form can be completed and returned without any additional work by the Examiner.

In view of this correction, the comments in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 18, 2006, regarding EP-1 199 778-A can be ignored.

Any confusion caused by this error is regretted.

If there are any questions, or additional information is required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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